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The Honorable Ken Calvert, Chair
House Water and Power Subcommittee
1522 Longworth House Office Building
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Via fax: 202.226.6953

The Honorable Grace Napolitano, Ranking
Member
House Water and Power Subcommittee
1522 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
Via fax: 202.225.0027

**Re: Kings River Water Association & Kings River Conservation District Support
for HR 2828**

Dear Chairman Calvert and Ranking Member Napolitano:

The Kings River Water Association and the Kings River Conservation District are pleased to support your HR 2828, landmark bipartisan legislation to reauthorize the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and address water challenges across the West.


The CALFED Program is still California's best chance to make long-term, statewide improvements to water supply and conveyance infrastructure while restoring the environment and helping recover threatened species. In the Kings River service area, CALFED's implementation can support our effort to implement solutions to address water supply reliability and water quality issues critical to our agricultural, urban and rural constituents.

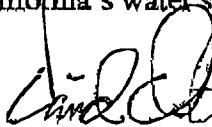
It is extremely important that the program be reauthorized this year and we appreciate your commitment to moving the process along. Intense pressure continues to stress California's existing water resources, with focal points on the Colorado River, the

Bay-Delta and the Klamath. The CALFED Bay-Delta Program has been held up as the model for resolving conflicts in California and throughout the West where water issues are so critical. The program, however, can never realize its potential without authorization and funding.

Please contact us if we may be of further assistance with the passage of HR 2828. Thank you for your dedication to strengthening California's water supplies.

Sincerely,


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